
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF HAWAII ON THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS HAWAII BUSINESS HALL OF FAME AND ITS
2015 LAUREATES.

1 WHEREAS, community service provides a great foundation for
2 people to connect with one another and develop mutually-
3 beneficial relationships; non-profit organizations are
4 outstanding supporters of community service, working diligently
5 to give back to their communities; and
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7 WHEREAS, Junior Achievement is one of the world's largest
8 and best managed economic education partnership programs; over 6
9 million students across all 50 states participate in its
10 experiential, hands-on programs in economic and business
11 development; and
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13 WHEREAS, founded in 1957, Junior Achievement of Hawaii (JA
14 Hawaii) strives to educate and encourage the younger generation
15 to value free enterprise, business, and economics; JA Hawaii
16 teaches the importance of financial literacy, work readiness,
17 and entrepreneurship to Hawaii's future generations in order to
18 foster a competitive future workforce in the State; and
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20 WHEREAS, each year, JA Hawaii sponsors the Hawaii Business
21 Hall of Fame, which recognizes local business leaders for their
22 contributions to Hawaii's business community; through their
23 entrepreneurial and civic activities, these individuals, named
24 as the Hawaii Business Hall of Fame Laureates, have made a
25 positive impact in their respective business areas; due to their
26 success, they serve as inspirational role models for our youth;
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29 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Business Hall of Fame has named
30 Lawrence (Larry) Dennis Rodriguez, Brian I. Kitagawa, and Audrey
31 E. Hidano as the 2015 Laureates; and



1 WHEREAS, Larry Rodriguez was a former Managing Partner for
2 Ernest & Young, LLP and the Executive Vice President and Chief
3 Financial Officer of Central Pacific Financial
4 Corporation/Central Pacific Bank; he also formed his own
5 business consulting company, Lawrence D. Rodriguez, LLC.; and
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7 WHEREAS, Brian Kitagawa serves as the President and Chief
8 Executive Officer for I. Kitagawa and Company, Ltd., and its
9 various subsidiaries such as Kamaaina Motors, Kamaaina Nissan,
10 and Kona Auto Center and Parts Center Hawaii; he currently
11 serves as President-Elect for the Hawaii Automobile Dealers
12 Association and a member of the Chrysler Minority Dealers
13 Association; and
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15 WHEREAS, Audrey Hidano co-founded Grand Development, Inc.,
16 Rim-Pac Inc., and Hidano Construction, Inc., all specializing in
17 development, construction, and general contracting services;
18 within these companies, she holds the titles of Vice-President,
19 Secretary, Co-owner, and Treasurer; she also serves as the
20 Deputy Director for the State of Hawaii Department of
21 Transportation; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2015, that this body hereby congratulates Junior
26 Achievement of Hawaii on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of
27 its Hawaii Business Hall of Fame, recognizes their selected
28 laureate honorees for 2015, and extends to them its warmest
29 aloha and best wishes for success in all future endeavors.
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